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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, lines 1 and 2, change "Nucleic acids sequence, characterized in that it is" to--A nucleic acid comprising nucleic acids--

Claim 2, line 1, change, "Nucleic sequence according to" to --The nucleic acids of--